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1. AMBASSADOR MADE REFTEL DEMARCHE TO UNDERSECRETARY
AL-ALAWI, SENIOR IN-COUNTRY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL,
MARCH 19. LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL PARA 1
AND FIRST SENTENCE PARA 2, FOR SAKE OF ACCURACY AND
HIS CONVENIENCE IN CONSULTING WITH MINISTER ZAWAWI
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(DUE BACK IN OMAN IMMINENT) AND POSSIBLY OTHER HIGHER-
UPS. TOLD UNDERSECRETARY THAT MARCH 19 MORNING NEWS BROAD-
CASTS STATED USG HAS SUBMITTED RESOLUTION IN UNSC
AND WE PRESUME ITS CONTENTS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH
POINTS IN OUR DEMARCHE.

2. AL-ALAWI SAID HE BELIEVES EVENTS ARE NOW AT CRUCIAL

STAGE WITH SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY.
ONLY AN EARLY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH
LEBANON COULD SAVE IT. ALL THE SAME, HE AGREED
PALESTINIANS' MARCH 11 ACTION NORTH OF TEL AVIV WAS
ESSENTIALLY LITTLE MORE THAN TERRORISM.

3. HE ADDED HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER ARAB STATES CAN
POSSIBLY AGREE ON A COMMON STAND REGARDING A PROPOSAL
SUCH AS USG IS MAKING. HE THOUGHT OMAN MIGHT SUPPORT
US BUT ONLY IF IT COULD DO SO IN COMPANY WITH SUCH
STATES AS EGYPT AND JORDAN. HE FELT THAT DESPITE WHAT
MAY HAVE APPEARED PUBLICLY, KING HUSSEIN PRIOR TO MARCH
11 WAS COMING CLOSE IN HIS OWN THINKING TO SUPPORT FOR
SADAT'S INITIATIVE (PROVIDED AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED
ON STATOMENT OF PRINCIPLES ON WHICH USG, ISRAEL AND
EGYPT WERE WORKING.) NOW, HOWEVER, HUSSEIN'S SUPPORT WOULD BE
IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS ISRAEL CONDUCTED URGENT WITHDRAWAL
FROM LEBANON. HE COMMENTED THAT HUSSEIN IS DISPATCHING
GEN. AMER KHAMMASH TO SEVERAL PENINSUAL STATES IN-
CLUDING OMAN, PRESUMABLY TO DETAIL THINKING BEHIND
HUSSEIN'S RECENT CALL FOR AN ARAB SUMMIT.

4. AL-ALAWI WAS ESPECIALLY DOUBTFUL LEBANESE GOVT,
WEAK AS IT IS, COULD IN ANY REASONABLE TIME FRAME HOPE
TO RESTORE EFFECTIVE AUTHORITY SOUTH OF THE LITANI, ES-
PECIALLY AS PALESTINIANS ARE THERE PURSUANT TO SPECIFIC
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AGREEMENT TO WHICH GOL IS A PARTY AND THERE IS
NOWHERE ELSE FOR PALESTINIANS TO GO WITHOUT DISRUPTING
LEBANON ENTIRELY.

5. COMMENTS' IN SUMMARY, BASED ON AL-ALAWI'S RESPONSES,
OMAN SEES SOME MERIT IN USG PROPOSALS BUT WILL TAKE A
CAUTIOUS STAND UNTIL IT KNOWS MORE ABOUT EGYPTIAN AND
JORDANIAN ATTITUDES. MEANWHILE IT SEES SADAT'S INI-
TIATIVE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AND SUBJECT TO EARLY
COLLAPSE UNLESS ISRAELIS SOON REURN SOUTH OF THE
BORDER.
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